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1. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND BRIEFING DESCRIBED IN
REFTEL, FRG MEDIA AND PRESS COVERAGE ON CSCE PICKED UP
MARKEDLY THIS PAST WEEK.

2. ALL MAJOR PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE OF THE CSCE
CONFERENCE, GIVING PROMINENT COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR
FISCHER'S RETURN AND HIS MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
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3. DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS WERE CITED BY THE MEDIA AS
PRESSING FOR A "CONCRETE AND SATISFACTORY DOCUMENT.
A FINAL DOCUMENT COUCHED IN CONVINCING LANGUAGE AND
SPECIFYING THE FULFILLMENT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT."

4. THERE WAS ALSO HEAVY PRESS CRITICISM OF PERCEIVED SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE IN BELGRADE. A DPA PRESS RELEASE QUOTED DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS AS STATING THAT THE DRAFT DOCUMENT PUT FORWARD BY THE SOVIETS WAS "COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY," THAT IT WAS COUCHED IN DISAPPOINTINGLY GENERAL TERMS AND DID NOT REFLECT THE DIALOGUE WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN BELGRADE. THE RELEASE WENT ON TO STATE BONN'S AFFIRMATION THAT THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF DETENTE DEPENDED ON A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME IN BELGRADE AND THAT THE FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE MIGHT CAUSE THE POLICY OF DETENTE TO LOSE CREDIBILITY IN THE EYES OF CRITICAL PUBLIC OPINION.
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